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1. Viet Nam is not receiving direct aid from Russia. However, the Chinese Communists are undoubtedly helping to supply arms and equipment in exchange for tea, rice and opium. The latter is smuggled in from Laos and passed over the Chinese border.
2. Saigon, Hanoi, Tourane and Hue are sealed off by Viet Nam. Travel outside them can only be undertaken by air or heavily guarded convoy. A convoy connects Hanoi and Haiphong and another connects Saigon with Phnom Penh. Cambodia is quiet except around Angkor Wat where the French think Siamese sympathizers of Viet Nam are stirring up trouble. Convoys go to Angkor once weekly from Phnom Penh.
3. Not much is heard about the Cambodian Freedom Fighters (note: Issarakhs) who are aligned with Viet Nam although a claim is made that they number 5000. King Norodom of Cambodia is more worried about the Chinese who comprise 60,000 of the 80,000 citizens of Phnom Penh and who all appear to run perfume shops and liquor stores. He says that if the French move out of Indo China, the Chinese will come down and take over everything. There are only 10,000 Cambodians in Phnom Penh and 10,000 Annamites. The King does not like the Annamites either. 25X1A6a
4. King Norodom had wanted to go to Paris with his commission to settle the boundary dispute with Siam, but Bollaert requested him to stay and put the new constitution into effect. Norodom says the new constitution will make his country "a democracy" but no copy of the definite document could be found at the moment and the French information officer claimed he did not have one either.

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